

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEL AV 10330 111811Z  
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NEAE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01  
INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00  
INRE-00 SSO-00 SSM-03 IO-13 ACDA-12 SAA-01 SES-02  
/079 W

-----052408 111818Z /50

O R 111740Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4846  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
USICA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 10330

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SOPN, IS, US  
SUBJECT: MEDIA SPECULATION ON CAMP DAVID AND U.S. PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
POSTURE

1. THE ISRAELI PRESS IS PREDICTABLY FULL OF RUMORS AND  
SPECUALTION CONCERNING THE CAMP DAVID MEETING. AMONG THE  
THEMES BEING PLAYED IN THE PRESS OVER THE PAST THREE DAYS:  
- THE U.S. MAY PRESENT ITS PEACE PLAN AT CAMP DAVID  
- THE U.S. MAY REVIVE THE ASWAN FORMULA AT CAMP DAVID  
- THE "FRAMEWORK" VANCE TALKED ABOUT AT ALEXANDRIA IS  
ACTUALLY A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BASED ON 242 WHICH  
THE U.S. WILL FOCUS ON AT CAMP DAVID  
- THE U.S. WILL BECOME A MUCH MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE  
CAMP DAVID TALKS THAN HERETOFORE, PROOF OF THIS BEING  
VANCE'S STATEMENT AT ALEXANDRIA THAT THE U.S. WILL BE A  
"FULL PARTNER" IN THE CAMP DAVID DISCUSSIONS.  
- THE U.S. WILL TRY TO SOFTEN ISRAELI POSITIONS WITH RESPECT  
TO THE WEST BANK  
- THE U.S. HAS MADE SECRET PROMISES TO SADAT TO GET HIM BACK  
IN THE NEGOTIATIONS  
- THE U.S. IS INTERESTED IN THE PARTIAL SETTLEMENT IDEA  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEL AV 10330 111811Z

AND WILL EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY AT  
CAMP DAVID  
- IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEPTEMBER TALKS, VANCE WILL VISIT THE  
MIDDLE EAST AGAIN; ATHERTON WILL TRAVEL HERE AGAIN;  
DAYAN AND KAMEL WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON ETC.

2. THE MOST FREQUENT MEDIA SPECULATION WITH RESPECT TO ISRAEL'S

PLANS FOR CAMP DAVID IS THAT ISRAEL MAY MODIFY ITS WEST BANK AUTONOMY PLAN BY PROVIDING A LARGER ROLE FOR JORDAN, OR OFFER A MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE IN THE WEST BANK AND DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPT.

3. THE MEDIA ALSO SUGGEST THAT ISRAEL MAY AGREE, AFTER ALL, TO THE RETURN OF AL ARISH, BUT AS PART OF A RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING SINAI AIRFIELDS OR SETTLEMENTS IN THE RAFIAH.

4. FINALLY THERE HAVE BEEN STORIES SUGGESTING THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL PRESS FOR BEGIN'S IDEA OF "PERMANENT, PARTIAL AGREEMENTS" AT CAMP DAVID.

5. OBVIOUSLY, OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL RUMORS AND SPECULATION. AND ON OCCASION, IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OR FOR US TO CORRECT SPECIFIC INACCURACIES IN THE PRESS. HOWEVER, IN GENERAL, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO LET THE STORIES WASH OVER US, WITHOUT COMMENTING ON THEM. IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL MOST EFFECTIVELY - AND FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW MOST SUCCESSFULLY - CONCENTRATE ON CAMP DAVID PREPARATIONS WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL PERCEPTION OF PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS EVERY EVIDENCE THAT THE GOI IS ENTERING A PERIOD OF THOROUGH EXAMINATION AND ENERGETIC DISCUSSION OF ITS NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. WHILE THIS PROCESS COOKS, WE SHOULD STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TEL AV 10330 111811Z

LEWIS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, PEACE TALKS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 11 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978TELAV10330  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780329-0244  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** TEL AVIV  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780872/aaaachwp.tel  
**Line Count:** 95  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 82d28264-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 10 jun 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1762720  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MEDIA SPECULATION ON CAMP DAVID AND U.S. PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE  
**TAGS:** SOPN, IS, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/82d28264-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014